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SUBJECT: UN BUDGET - COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAM AND

COORDINATION: TRANSPORT

1. THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAM AND COORDINATION (CPC)
CHAIRMAN EFFECTIVELY SUMMED UP THE "MAIN THEMES" OF THE
COMMITTEE'S IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF THE TRANSPORT PROGRAM.
HIS ORAL SUMMARY WILL BE PRESENTED LATER AS A MORE DETAILED
DRAFT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN THE CPC REPORT.
MAJOR POINTS INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING.

2. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION DEMONSTRATED THE IMPORTANCE AND
COMPLEXITY OF THE TRANSPORT PROGRAM, BUT THERE WAS AGREEMENT
THAT THE OUTPUT WAS MODEST, UNFOCUSED, AND DID NOT REFLECT
AN AGREED SET OF PRIORITIES.

3. WHILE VARIOUS AGENCIES PLAY AN IMPORTANT LEAD COORDINATING
ROLE WITHIN THEIR OWN AREAS, ESA HAS THE NECESSARY OVERALL
COORDINATING ROLE, AS ALLOTTED TO IT BY THE CHARTER AND
ECOSOC RES. 1082. GENERAL DISSATISFACTION WAS EXPRESSED
WITH THE WAY ESA HAS PERFORMED THIS OVERALL COORDINATING
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ROLE. CAREFUL LANGUAGE WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE COMMITTEE
REPORT TO INDICATE THE BALANCE BETWEEN THE OVERALL COORDINATING
ROLE OF ESA AND THE COORDINATING ROLE OF THE OTHER BODIES
WITHIN THEIR OWN AREAS.

4. THE FOLLOWING THEMES APPEARED REGARDING THE REGIONAL
COMMISSION PROGRAMS: (1) THE NEED FOR FULL COOPERATION

WITH OTHER AGENCIES; (2) THE NEED FOR INTERACTION AMONG THE REGIONAL PROGRAMS; (3) THE HIGH PRIORITY EXISTING FOR REGIONAL PROGRAMS.

5. REGARDING THE UNCTAD PROGRAM: (1) UNCTAD IS WELL ENDOWED WITH BUDGETED POSITIONS COMPARED TO THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS; (2) UNCTAD APPEARS TO BE GETTING INTO THE TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES OF IMCO, BUT THE UNCTAD REPRESENTATIVE INSISTED UNCTAD'S CONCERN IS LIMITED TO THE ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES; (3) UNCTAD POSSIBLY DUPLICATES WITH UNCITRAL CONCERNING LEGISLATION FOR SHIPPING; (4) THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF ONE POST FOR BACKSTOPPING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES FROM EXTRA-BUDGETARY RESOURCES TO THE REGULAR BUDGET REQUIRES CLOSE REVIEW BY THE ACABQ; AND (5) UNCTAD'S INTERPRETATIONS OF RES. 93(IV) AND 94(IV) ARE "EXPANSIVE."

6. REGARDING THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN UNCTAD AND IMCO, IMCO HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFETY AND TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF SHIPPING WHILE UNCTAD HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TRADE RELATED AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS. SOME CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED IN THE COMMITTEE REGARDING THE POSSIBLY "ELASTIC" NATURE OF UNCTAD'S MANDATE. THE UNCTAD REPRESENTATIVE GAVE ASSURANCE THERE IS NO DANGER OF "STRETCHING" THE MANDATE.

7. THE CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY WAS GENERALLY WELL RECEIVED BY THE COMMITTEE, ALTHOUGH PAKISTAN INDICATED SOME CONCERN ABOUT BEING TOO HARSH ON UNCTAD.
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